

Fair Tonight; Partly
Cloudy Monday.

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OLD CLERKS SAFE, TAFT TO PROVIDE BERTHS FOR ALL

Efficient Ones Will Hold
Present Places, Inefficient
Get Lesser Ones.

NONE TO BE DROPPED
FROM THE PAYROLLS

New Vacancies Will Be Held Open
and Supernumerary Employees
Transferred to Them.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 21.—It was learned here today that this Administration will make no effort to put through the next session of Congress a bill for the retirement of the aged clerks in the classified service of the Government.

Coupled with this news is the additional information that the President will not allow the departments to be made slaughter houses for the ousting or killing off of the old men and women who have spent their lifetime in working for the Government.

Advisers of the President who have been most eager and optimistic over the chance to improve conditions in the Government by getting rid of the old people are at last convinced that this Congress will not seriously entertain the proposition to put on the statute books a retirement bill.

This information has come to Beverly and to Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, at Dublin, from such men as Senator Hale and Chairman Tawney, of the House Committee on Appropriations, and Representative Walter I. Smith, also an influential member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Old Clerks To Be Retained.
Confronted with the knowledge that all hope of a retirement measure must be abandoned for the present, the Administration has hit on the plan of retaining the aged clerks at their present salaries in all the cases where it is shown that they are delivering the goods in their work. If they are found in certain cases to be falling behind in their services they will be demoted, but not dismissed.

Between now and the special meeting of the Cabinet in Washington on September 19 the four expert accountants which have been expected to come forward with some preliminary plans. Their representatives will go to Washington within the next ten days.

One of the firms has been doing such work in the Treasury Department all the summer. It is confidentially expected by the Administration that these men will make suggestions which will result in the merging of bureaus and in the reducing of the number of clerks, but it is planned to allow none of the aged clerks to suffer by this.

Will Save Up Vacancies.
Such a thing will be accomplished by the simple method of "saving up vacancies." That is, when vacancies occur, they will not be filled immediately, but will be held over until they can be occupied by any aged clerks who have lost their present positions by reductions in the force of their bureaus. This means that they will simply be transferred without the loss of time or salary.

Mr. Taft's advisers and the Secretary of the Treasury have been both to believe that Congress would not enact the retirement law. But such a view as representative Walter I. Smith has argued that it is impossible to give annuities without knowing the complete records of the efficiency of the clerks involved and that there is no way of obtaining such information. His argument is that the best will be retained equally with the good.

Moreover, the leaders of the party say they are afraid to vote into law what resembles a pension list, even if the annuities be made up by the voluntary contributions of the clerks themselves. They point out that in the beginning, at any rate, the Government would have to appropriate out of the treasury more than \$1,000,000, and this would be hard to explain to the voters. They add grimly that the party has no plan to explain without assuming more burdens.

At the special meeting of the Cabinet on September 10 there will be two subjects discussed—politics and economy in the Government.

WEATHER REPORT.

A general, though slight rise in temperature is in progress throughout the Plains States, the Mississippi and Ohio valleys and the lake region, and it is probable that this will extend eastward to the Atlantic States during the next twenty-four hours.

An area of low barometric pressure that is moving eastward along the northern border is causing showers in the middle Rocky mountain region, the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight, Monday partly cloudy.
Light to moderate south winds.

TEMPERATURES.
8 a. m. 67
9 a. m. 68
10 a. m. 69
11 a. m. 70
12 m. 71
1 p. m. 72
2 p. m. 73

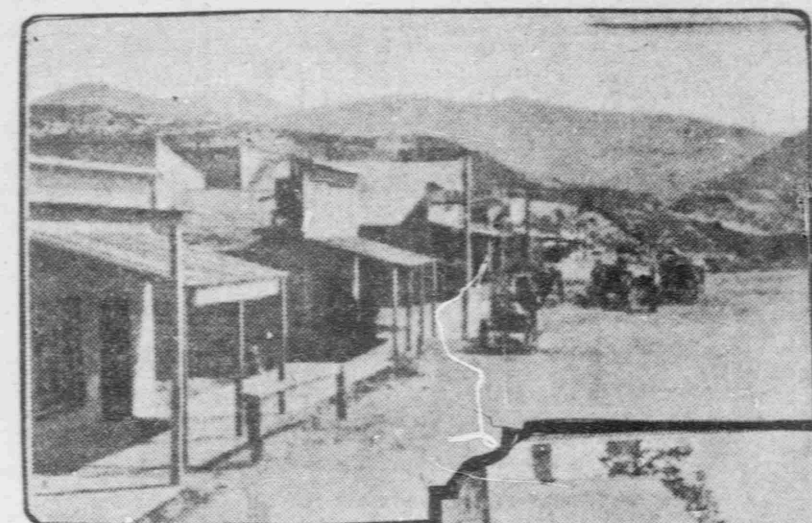
TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 8:29 a. m.; 8:42 p. m.
Low tide, 2:22 a. m.; 2:31 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 9:05 a. m.; 9:27 p. m.
Low tide, 3:10 a. m.; 3:40 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 5:37
Sun rises 6:39

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Aug. 21.—Both rivers clear this morning.

Albany Flooding—Good—\$2.25 per 100.
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. ave. nw.
—Adv.

Views of Western Mining Town Wiped Out by Fire



DEFEAT OF MADRIZ ADMITTED BY ENVOY

Dr. Barrios Believes Chief
Has Been Routed In
Nicaragua.

That the reports of the overthrow of the Madriz government in Nicaragua and the victory of the Estrada insurgents are well founded was an opinion expressed today by Dr. Moisés Barrios, one of the Madriz emissaries in Washington.

"I have had no advice from Nicaragua regarding the capture of Granada by the revolutionists or of the battle on the Taptapa river on Friday, but I fear the Madriz army has been routed and that General Estrada is in full control of Managua by this time," declared Dr. Barrios today.

Dr. Barrios and Sebastian Salinas came to Washington as special envoys of Dr. Madriz in the hope of having the Department of State intercede in behalf of their leader. They both are on friendly terms with Dr. Salvador Castro, the Washington representative of General Estrada, the insurgent leader.

Castro Satisfied.
Basing his opinion on a cipher cablegram he received last evening from Diaz, the secretary of state of the Estrada provisional government, regarding the Estrada army forcing a passage across the Taptapa river at Panalota Dr. Castro declared today he does not have the slightest doubt but that General Estrada has won and that the revolution is nearing its end, with the insurgents as victors. He stated that the crossing of the river by the revolutionists means absolute victory.

The cablegram to Dr. Castro was: "All our army forced a passage at Panalota. The enemy was routed after fourteen hours' fighting, leaving in our hands one field piece, 100,000 cartridges for small arms, 20 rifles, together with provisions and prisoners."

Re-enforcements At Hand.
Dr. Castro stated that the regular Estrada army will be re-enforced on the west side of the river by an army of 1,000 revolutionists under General Saenz, who has been fighting on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua for three months, and has succeeded in capturing several small towns.

Dr. Castro said that General Saenz is instrumental in the capture of Granada. "No doubt by this time General Estrada and his army of 2,000 to 4,000 men are in Managua, the capital city," said Dr. Castro today.

"I have read the explanation they explain the situation exactly." Granada, which is reported as captured by the army, will be a city of educated and aristocratic people, according to Dr. Castro, and the residents have been favorable to the insurgents, and no doubt aided them in the crisis.

INSURGENTS CONTROL CITY OF MANAGUA

MANAGUA, Aug. 21.—President Madriz has fled and Jose Estrada, brother of the insurgent leader, is serving as President.

The fall of the Madriz government and the rise of the Estrada insurgency came with the crushing defeat of government troops almost at the gates of the capital city and the capture of the city by the insurgents.

With the news of these reverses President Madriz fled, one report being that he went to Corinto (Continued on Fourth Page.)

MUNSEY TOURISTS TAKE NEEDED REST

Complete Nearly Half of
Historic Run With Nine-
teen Perfect Scores.

BETHLEHEM, N. H., Aug. 21.—The contestants, passengers and observers in the Munsey Historic Tour are taking a much needed rest here today after their five days' running from Philadelphia to this point.

Nearly one-half of the journey is now completed and the remainder will be taken up tomorrow when the machines will be checked out at 7:30 and sent on their way to Burlington, a distance of 102 miles. The roads from here through New Hampshire and Vermont are not of the best, and the contestants are prepared for a harder journey than the one they have had thus far coming over the fine boulevards of New England.

All day today the men visited about the country or rested in the rooms and on the spacious porches of the hotel. The summer season is at its height here and the place is thronged with visitors. The official cars have been used for short trips in the neighborhood, some of the men going over to Bretton Woods in them and others taking the train to visit nearby resorts.

The Maxwell runabout No. 28, was withdrawn at North Conway. The car stripped its timing gear and was unable to proceed. It will be appointed a press car and continue as a non-contestant.

Nineteen Perfect.
At the present time there are nineteen out of the twenty-seven remaining contesting machines which hold perfect scores. No points have yet been registered against the Columbia No. 2, driver, G. M. Wagner; Washington, No. 5, driver, A. G. Carter; Washington, No. 6, driver, W. D. Johnson; Ford, No. 8, driver, Charles E. Miller; Corbin, No. 11, driver, A. T. Bailey; Brush, No. 14, driver, D. E. McCoy; Regal Plucker, No. 15, driver, A. W. Laroche; Pierce Racine, No. 16, driver, Lewis Strang; Enger, No. 17, driver, Harry Frisch; K-F-J, No. 19, driver, Lewis Strang; London, Cino, No. 21, driver, Walter Donnelly; Maxwell No. 25, driver, Harry E. Wallis; Crawford, No. 27, driver, A. Miller; Glide, No. 28, driver, Fred Casel; Ford No. 35, driver, F. H. Peabody; Kline, No. 31, driver, C. C. Fairman; Matheson, No. 32, driver, D. A. Hall and Ford, No. 34, driver, James Cherry.

The Elmore car No. 9, was penalized six points, three points for an engine stop and three points for a broken top.

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TAFT TURNS PROGRESSIVE IN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

Promises More Reforms, Especially In Laws for the Poor
Man, If the Voters Will Retain His
Party In Power.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 21.—William H. Taft has begun to realize that the sentiment of the people of this country has turned progressive.

According to reliable reports in Beverly this will be shown by the tenor of the letter which he is finishing today for publication in the campaign book of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. This letter is regarded as a message from the titular head of the party to the voters of the nation, and it is intended by the campaign managers to be one of the heavy guns for storming the heights of the opposition.

In the desperation which the party leaders feel over the outlook for the coming fight they are doing all they can to make their defeat which now seems to them certain as far from crushing as possible.

In the President's letter it is declared there are expressions intended to mollify the militant spirit of the West, and to indicate that while the President does not believe in insubordination of the

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GLUE IS DISCOVERED IN DOUBLE MURDER

Wilmington Detectives Start
Search for White Man
and Negro.

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 21.—Chief of Police Black admitted shortly after noon today that an important clue had been discovered in connection with the murder of Robert Casey and his wife, an aged couple, six miles north of here, Friday night.

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IDAHO CITY IS ABLAZE; CITIZENS IMPRISONED BY WALLS OF FLAME

Escape of Inhabitants From Town In Heart of Burning
Valley Is Doubtful—All Lines of Communication
With Outside World Are Broken.

HUNDREDS ATTEMPT FLIGHT ON TRAINS

Desperate Chance Taken In Endeavor to Run Cars
Through Narrow Passes Between Blazing Trees.
Soldiers Rushed From Spokane.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 21.—A lineman who climbed a telephone pole on the outskirts of Wallace early today and got in communication with the central office here, said that Wallace is on fire in fifty places and there is no possible chance for any portion of the city being saved from destruction.

Great showers of burning embers are falling all over the city, and it is a magnificently terrible spectacle.

Special trains have left the burning town on the Oregon Railway and Navigation and Northern Pacific railroads.

The former is going to Spokane and the latter to Wardner.

All those on these trains will be saved unless the railroads should get out of commission.

The whole east end of Wallace was a mass of flames when the lineman was forced by intense heat to leave his post.

DESTRUCTION SURE FOR WALLACE.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 21.—A message was received here as late as 1 o'clock this morning from Wallace, Idaho, saying that the forest fire which has been raging beyond the town for a week has closed in on the little community and that the whole town will be wiped out.

EAST SIDE OF TOWN IN FLAMES.

At midnight all the east side of Wallace was in flames and hundreds of buildings had been destroyed. There was no hope for the remainder of the town.

POLITICS IS TABOO AT OYSTER BAY TODAY

Roosevelt Goes to Church
and Refuses to See Any
Statesman.

By WALTER J. FAHY.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 21.—Politics were tabooed at Sagamore Hill today.

Colonel Roosevelt's only reference to the political situation in New York State and at Beverly was the terse comment that there were no developments.

Colonel Roosevelt attended service at the Oyster Bay Episcopal Church this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and Quinten. He came down from the Hill in an auto and as soon as the services were over he hurried to his machine and was off before any of his fellow-townsmen had an opportunity to speak to him.

The Rev. W. B. Beach, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, of Scranton, Pa., conducted the services today. He is an old friend of Colonel Roosevelt.

Sees No Politicians.

Colonel Roosevelt's decision to keep his Sundays free from political discussion of any kind was responsible for the inability of John L. Farr, of Scranton, Pa., to invoke his aid for the cause of the progressives in Pennsylvania.

Farr is a former speaker of the State Legislature. He styles himself as a progressive Republican and as such is a candidate for Congress, running against Representative Nichols, an emigrant and a prominent labor leader.

Farr came to Oyster Bay to ask the colonel to speak in his district. He was unable to see the former President, however, and had to postpone his visit to Sagamore Hill until tomorrow.

Confirmation of the charge made by mutual friends of President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt that Vice President Sherman failed to observe the wishes of President Taft in the matter of securing a temporary chairman for the Republican State convention is now made by Merwin K. Hart, a former assemblyman, who declares he has positive knowledge that President Taft asked Mr. Sherman to consult Mr. Roosevelt's wishes in the matter.

This is in accord with the charge made by friends of President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt, as outlined in these dispatches yesterday. These friends are still insistent that the two men were the victims of double dealing.

Roosevelt Stands Pat Now.

Since none of those involved seems desirous of making a statement, however, it is doubtful if Colonel Roosevelt's attitude will change. He occupies exactly the same stand today that he did last Thursday, when quite significantly he did not see the advisability of denying the statement that there was a break between himself and President Taft.

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